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## THIS WEEK CAMPUS

### President job listing on Web

The Atlanta-based search firm Jon McRae and Associates posted the official job listing for the University's next president this week on its Web site.

The post includes both a description of Northwest and of the ideal candidate to replace Dean Hubbard, who will retire Aug. 1, 2009.

According to the post, "Northwest seeks a visionary, entrepreneurial leader, with successful academic and senior administrative experience, who can advance the institution to greater national prominence in higher education."

In addition, the description calls for a successor who supports the University's student-centered Culture of Quality and prefers a candidate with a "solid record of scholarly research and faculty leadership."

The University's presidential search committee and the search firm hope to submit a candidate recommendation to the Board of Regents for final approval before the end of April.

To view the full job listing, go to [Nwmissouri.edu](http://Nwmissouri.edu) and click on the "Presidential Search" button on the right side of the page.

### Distinguished Lecture Series

Peace Activist Arun Gandhi will begin the spring portion of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

Gandhi's presentation will be 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

All Distinguished Lecture's are open and free to the public.

## COMMUNITY

### Mozingo 10-Year Plan

The city of Maryville will hold a meeting to discuss the development of a 10-year plan for growth at the Mozingo Lake Park at 6:30 p.m. tonight at City Hall.

The meeting will include discussions over adding family cabins, RV pads and the upkeep of roadways.

### Maryville R-II school candidates

The following candidates have filed for the two school board openings in the April 7 General Municipal Election: Nancy Barnes, James Beemer, Cleo Samudzi and Elaine Wilson (incumbent).

## BEARCATS

### Saturday

- Track/Field @ Scott Nisely Memorial Classic in Crete, Neb. (women)  
- 5:30 p.m. Women's BBall @ Fort Hays  
- 7:30 p.m. Men's BBall @ Fort Hays

### Sunday

- Track/Field @ Skip Janvrin Multi-events Meet in Crete, Neb. (women)

### Wednesday

- 5:30 p.m. Women's BBall vs. Nebraska-Omaha  
- 7:30 p.m. Mens' BBall vs. Nebraska-Omaha

## SPOOFHOUNDS

### Thursday

- 5 p.m. Boys' FJV/V BBall @ East Buchanan  
- 7 p.m. JV/V Wrestling vs. Smithville

### Friday

- 5 p.m. FJV/V Girls' BBall vs. Savannah

### Saturday

- 10 a.m. V Wrestling Quad State Classic in Maryville

### Monday

- 5 p.m. JV/V Girls' BBall vs. Renaissance Academy  
- 6 p.m. F Girls' BBall @ Jefferson  
- 7 p.m. F Boys' BBall @ Jefferson

### Tuesday

- 5 p.m. FJV/V Boys BBall @ LeBlond  
- 7 p.m. JV/V Wrestling vs. Savannah

### Wednesday

- 5:30 p.m. JV/V Girls BBall @ Smithville  
- 7 p.m. JV/V Wrestling vs. St. Pius (Senior Night)

## JEFFERSON CITY

# Governor's budget saves higher education from cuts

By Evan Young  
*Editor in Chief*

State higher education funding cuts aren't on the governor's fiscal agenda, but Northwest and other schools will likely have to wait for federal aid confirmation to know for sure.

On Tuesday, Gov. Jay Nixon (D) released his version of the FY 2010 budget, including recommendations that bring encouraging news to state colleges and universities that up until now faced almost certain significant core budget cuts.

Under the proposed budget, public higher education institutions would receive the same state funds for FY '10 as they did in FY '09. In return, their tuition rates would freeze at their current levels for next school year.

"Students in other states will see their tuition continue to skyrocket this year. But not here," Nixon said in Tuesday's State of the State address. "And that is a major victory for Missouri families."

The proposed budget alleviates the appropriation cuts many state schools feared would bring layoffs and program

reductions in FY '10. The Missouri Department of Higher Education asked schools to submit 15, 20 and 25 percent cut scenarios in December.

Northwest's appropriations would remain at about \$33 million for FY '10. In addition, the budget allocates nearly \$525,000 to the University as part of Caring for Missourians, a new program aimed at increasing the number of Missouri students who graduate with health care related degrees.

But both University and state officials say they are at best cautiously supportive of

Nixon's plan. Overall, the entire proposed budget relies heavily on more than \$800 million in federal aid coming to Missouri from President Barack Obama's national economic stimulus plan.

That plan hasn't passed Congress yet, and even if it does, the exact amount of Missouri's aid could wind up being above or below Nixon's prediction, Rep. Mike Thomson (R-Maryville) said.

In addition, Thomson said the federal aid might only be a

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## AT THE PAC | NASA MEETS NORTHWEST



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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS JAYSYE Dougan, Makayla Adwell and Emma Baldwin listen in as the astronauts answer their peers' questions. The orbiting visitors spent two hours with students via satellite Tuesday at the Performing Arts Center.

# HOUSTON, WE HAVE A QUESTION

## Area students speak with orbiting astronauts

By Kiley Swoopes  
*Chief Reporter*

on in the Performing Arts Center to see and hear orbiting astronauts.

Mike Fincke and Sandy Magnus were the astronauts answering the questions within a 20 minute time limit.

Eighteen students were selected to personally address one of the astronauts and ask a question.

Students of the Academy and Northwest could submit questions they would like to ask the astronauts. These questions were anonymously read to a committee and the top two questions were selected.

To start off the interaction with NASA, the satellite showed the audience Master

Control while voice checks were done both at the International Space Station and through the microphone used in the theater

Able to answer any question answered, students were able to learn a lot about space.

After being away from home for eight months, Fincke has spent six months in space. Married and a father of three, communication at home is important. Like a cell phone in the station, a voice over protocol similar to how the audience was able to communicate with them.

At 10:22 a.m., the International Space Station was

flying over Africa. The shuttle flies at 17,500 miles per hour which means every continent is flown over 16 times a day, Fincke said.

Interested in the space program and hoping to someday work there, Samuel Bowman got the chance to ask a question.

"What benefits does our nation see from spending money on NASA, especially manned space exploration, in the tough economic climate," Bowman said. "That is, how do we justify the expense?"

"NASA has about 16 to 17 billion

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## PUBLIC WORKS

A TRUCK TRAVELS east on West 16th Street between College Drive and Country Club Road.

Motorists have to avoid rough asphalt and potholes while also avoiding oncoming traffic coming over the hill.



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senior photographer

# Maryville plans to repair rough 16th Street terrain

By Kenny Larabee  
*Community News Editor*

Motorists might soon have another new road to break in.

City officials began taking steps toward repairing another Maryville road, tabbing Midland Surveying, Inc. to survey West 16th Street — between College Drive and Country Club Road — on Monday night. But eventual funds for the project might not come from the \$4.8 million budgeted in last year's Capital Improvement Plan, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said.

Instead, federal funds could

come from newly-elected President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan — the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Money for public works projects from the plan could require that municipalities have a plan in place and funds allocated within 90 days after they are released, Decker said.

"I think what we're trying to position ourselves so that, No. 1, if the federal government does come through with some stimulus funds that are available for a public works project, that would be our first project we

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Area leaders get ready to present issues at capital

By Kenny Larabee  
*Community News Editor*

Leaders from 18 counties across northwest Missouri will join forces in Jefferson City next week for the annual Great Northwest Day at the Capitol.

The event allows local leaders from communities in northwest Missouri — including Nodaway County and Maryville — to meet with state leaders in Jefferson City.

Leadership Northwest Missouri coordinates the various issues spanning the 18 counties involved and prioritizes them in a way that helps northwest Missouri present their issues to state legislators and raise awareness for the region, Nodaway County Coordinator Lisa Luke said. Luke will help represent the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, one of several county and city entities making the trek south to the state's capital.

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ETEXTBOOKS

## Students react positively to new eTextbooks

By Whitney Keyes  
Managing Editor

Gary Wilmes has a hard time highlighting his hard-copy textbooks.

"You open the book and everything's highlighted and you're like 'Which highlighting is mine?' What color did I highlight in?' and 'Oh my gosh, is this the Easter egg book?'"

But now, Wilmes can highlight his textbooks without a problem. He can send his highlights to his teacher with a question or to classmates for studying.

Wilmes is a participant in this trimester's eTextbook pilot program. He uses a McGraw-Hill product for his Human Resources Management class with Allison Strong.

"I thought this class would be good in terms of number [the class has 40 students] and we use the book pretty heavily," Strong said. "I felt like this was the way things are moving in terms of technology."

Last trimester, Northwest was the first university to consider electronic textbooks – in the form of Sony eReaders. However, the results showed the program wasn't as successful as originally anticipated.

Paul Klute, assistant to the president, said the eReaders were great for reading books front to back, but not as successful for studying. Students weren't able to flip back and forth between pages, nor highlight their books.

So, taking the questions and suggestions of students to mind, Northwest started a new pilot program, for eTextbooks. The program revolves around five different publishers Northwest already uses: McGraw-Hill, Cengage, Pierson, Norton and Bedford, Freeman and Worth.

"We made a lot of these contacts last fall, so the relationships were already created, so we asked 'Would this be possible?'" Klute said.

Each publisher, since Northwest already owned the content of the textbooks, offered eTextbooks for the pilot.

The publishers all have their own platform on which they offer their books. McGraw-Hill, in the instance of Strong's class, has VitalSource.

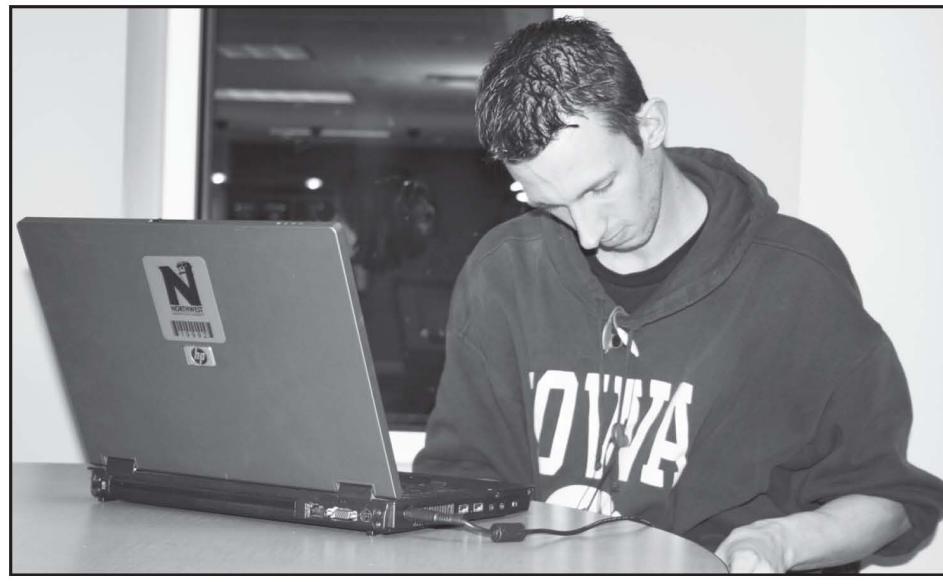


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SCHYLAR REED LOOKS over notes in the J.W. Jones Student Union. The new eTextbooks give students the added ability to study from their personal computers.

A shortcut on the desktop opens up to what Klute call the bookshelf, where all the eTextbooks are stored. From there, users can change the book they're reading, the font size or the display of the book.

Other useful tools include the highlighting that Wilmes is so fond of and a search box. The search function can search all the books on the shelf, and any notes the user may have typed out to the side.

"You can highlight and send it to your teacher if you have a question, and it's like instant access. Or you can send it to all that are taking the course," Wilmes said. "It makes things more convenient, everyone already carries their laptop anyway."

Strong said before eTextbooks, she discouraged students from bringing their laptops to class, in fear they might be not paying attention. Now though, she's definitely seeing more laptops in her class.

She still fears some might be distracted, which Wilmes said he sometimes struggles with, but overall the eTextbooks are working

well, Strong said.

"Students are so used to the Net anyway," she said. "Maybe they're more likely to study if they're already on the computer. It's always nice to have it around if you do want to study."

She's not sure how much her students are studying, but said she's experienced a widely positive response.

The Saturday before classes started, she sent out an e-mail announcing the class' participation and asked the students to bring in their textbooks to turn in.

All of her students turned in their hard-copy books the first day.

"I was skeptical at first. I was like, now more people aren't going to read," Wilmes said.

But as Strong said, with a strong education comes the lesson of adaptation.

"Just the change has been good," she said. "In terms of business, you have to adapt to change. And most do seem to have a really positive response."

LOCAL AUTHORS

## Local authors reveal campaign oddities

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

In the calm following a vivid election season, Washington's political muscle is pumping under the new leadership pace of a "no drama" Obama presidency.

Nicknames come and presidents go, but the path to the nation's capitol – the story of how candidates win or lose – is never short of the dramatic and bizarre.

Local authors explored the patterns and anomalies of these races for the next installment of "The Road to Congress" due out this spring.

"There is more than one way to get to Congress," said co-author Northwest Political

Science Professor Robert Dwehirst  
"But there are certain patterns."

To choose the best stories, Dwehirst and his partner, Sunil Ahuja, a Northwest graduate, looked at interesting races and various people across the country.

Contributing authors were selected to share dynamics and "behind the story" campaign details, with the ultimate goal of showing how the process works and how races differ.

Northwest Political Science Professor Dan Smith, returning author, said writing his chapter



Prof. Robert Dwehirst  
co-author

was a struggle this time around.

Smith explored a local campaign twist from the defeat of Kay Barnes by Congressional incumbent Sam Graves, which is one of the highlighted races.

"It appeared as if Graves was going to have his strongest challenge," said Dwehirst.

What unfolded was unexpected – even for the seasoned political scientists, always anticipating the unpredictable.

"Incumbents usually win. People who have more money usually win. Incumbents usually have more money," Smith

said.

But in this race, the challenger raised more money and spent more money.

Smith said the interest of this race lies in the fact that it was really "not interesting."

"It should have been competitive," he said.

He had to wonder why a well-funded, well-known candidate was unable to make a dent in the outcome.

Smith's chapter does not include his "alternative-joke" thesis: it's tough to beat an incumbent, it's tougher if you run a bad campaign.

However, like the book, the chapter promises to shed serious insight on mysteries surrounding the struggles candidates face.

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INAUGURATION

## Academy student recalls trip to nation's capital for historic ceremony

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

ary while you were there?

**A:** Saturday I flew into D.C. and arrived around 4 p.m. and we had guest speakers that night. Sunday morning, there were more guest speakers.

In the afternoon we went to the opening ceremonies for the inauguration and later that night we had a dinner and a show at the Hilton Hotel.

Monday, we had sessions discussing different leadership ideas and listened to Al Gore speak.

That night we had a dinner cruise down the Potomac River. Tuesday, we went to the actual inauguration, which was crazy. With over two million people there you had to fight through the crowd.

Later that night was the inaugural ball. Wednesday, we flew back home.

**Q:** What is the inaugural ball?

**A:** It is called Congressional Youth Leadership Conference (CYLC). They have conferences for middle school and high school students multiple times throughout the year. If you attended any of those then you could go to the presidential inauguration.

**Q:**

What were your first thoughts when you found out you were accepted?

**A:** At first I was like, "do I really want to do this?" because it would be a big chunk out of my schedule and I did not know if I would have time. As I thought about it more and more, I thought this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

**Q:** Was it what you expected?

**A:** No, I didn't really know what to expect, but it was overwhelming and awesome.

**Q:** Did you meet anyone new?

**A:** Yes, there were 7,000 students who went through this organization and I met quite a few of them.

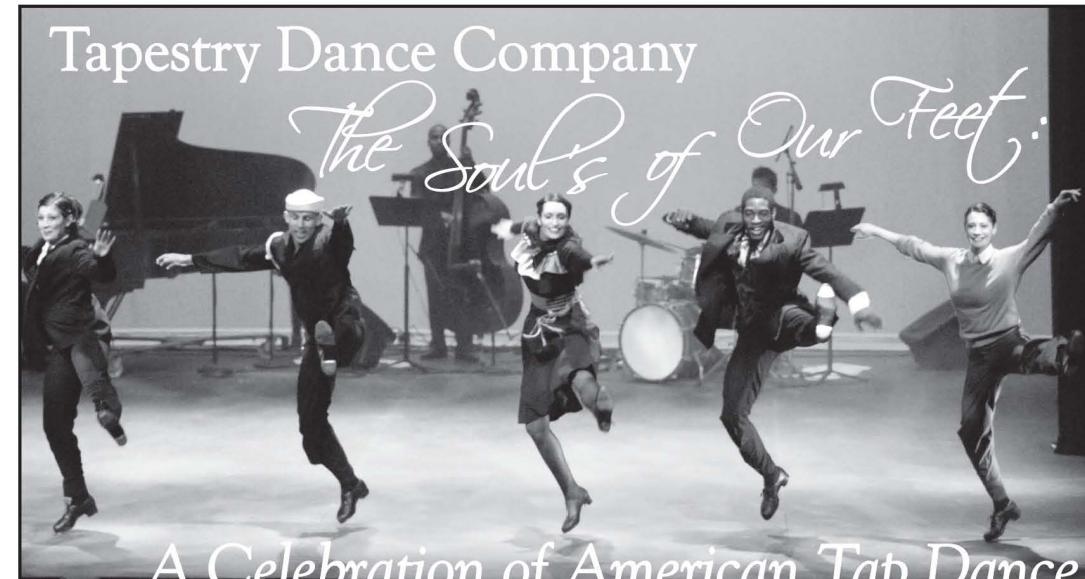
**Q:** What was your favorite part?

**A:** The guest speakers that we had while there. We got to listen to Doris Goodwin, General Colin Powell and Al Gore.

They basically gave us the same speech in their own way. Each person told how they got to where they are and encouraged us to do what we want to do in life.

**Q:** What was your itinerary?

**A:** I missed Tuesday and Wednesday of classes. I got behind in a couple of classes and am still trying to catch up, but for the most part it wasn't too bad. All of my teachers have asked me about it.



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# COMMUNITY

## CITY COUNCIL

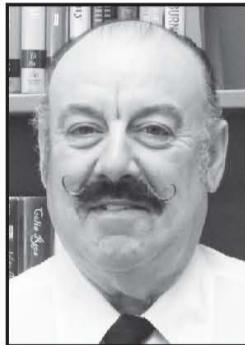
# Incumbent to leave council, 7 candidates apply

Seven Maryville residents have applied for the one city council position that will expire with Mike Thompson's term in the April 7 Municipal Election. Thompson has announced he will not seek another term. The term last three years.

### The candidates:

#### Joseph Belanger

**Age:** 60  
**Family:** Widowed, one son  
**Occupation:** Hy-Vee employee  
**Education:** Bachelor's of Arts and Science from North Central Missouri College



**Notes:** The veteran of the Armed Forces said he would like to help the city continue with its street program and extend improving sidewalks to all area of the city. He would also look to pursue local 911 funding and likes that the post doesn't carry a political affiliation.

#### James M (Jim) Dropinski

**Age:** 28  
**Family:** Single  
**Occupation:** Quality Assurance Engineer at Kawasaki  
**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from University of Missouri-Rolla



**Notes:** As a newer Maryville resident, Dropinski said he could bring a fresh perspective to the council. He would like to see more focus given to side streets in town and would take a more business-like approach to Mozingo to make it more profitable for the city.

#### Kirk Larson

**Age:** 35  
**Family:** Married to Jennifer, two children  
**Occupation:** Vice President of Midland GIS Solutions  
**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Geography from Northwest

**Notes:** Larsen has prior experience in local government, including as an appointed official in Sarpy County (Omaha) Neb. Economic development is a key issue, Larson said. He would like to prepare the city for when economic conditions improve.



#### Shirley Mounts

**Age:** 58  
**Family:** Single  
**Occupation:** Office Manager at Family Guidance Center  
**Education:** Associate's Degree from Longview Community College

**Notes:** The native of Maryville decided to move home after 27 years in Kansas City. Two primary objectives would be to continue the street program and to explore the possibility of wind power, Mounts said.



#### William Sean Prescott

**Age:** 36  
**Family:** Married to Angel, one child  
**Occupation:** Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor at Family Guidance Center  
**Education:** Bachelor's in Psychology from Pittsburg State



**Notes:** Prescott says he would rather get involved to help spur change rather than stand on the sidelines. Exploring availability of grants to help promote a uniform look downtown would be one issue he would pursue with a fresh set of eyes on the council.

#### Brian Schimming

**Age:** 34  
**Family:** Single, one child  
**Occupation:** Salesman at Rolling Hills Outlet Center  
**Education:** Maryville High School, some college



**Notes:** The Maryville native says the city is being ran great right now and would like to help the council continue to move in that direction. While not 18, Schimming said he feels he could bring a younger point of view to municipal issues.

#### Shawn Wake

**Age:** 41  
**Family:** Married to Sandi, two children  
**Occupation:** Performance Facilities Manager at Northwest  
**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Theater from Northwest



**Notes:** Wake grew up in Maryville and said his local experience helps him to understand the community. He would also bring a direct connection with the university to the council and said he'd look forward to helping out the community, Wake said.

## GOING GREEN

# Show-me savings: Council approves local participation in green sales tax holiday

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

After city council's approval of local participation in a new tax holiday, going green means getting more green for Maryville shoppers.

On Monday, the council unanimously voted to drop local sales taxes during the first Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday, which will take place April 19 - 25.

In August, Missouri became the fourth state - joining Florida, Connecticut and Virginia - to pass a tax holiday that gives green incentives directly to those who purchase environmentally-responsible products.

For one week every year, certain Energy Star

certified appliances will be exempt from sales tax.

The list of tax-exempt appliances includes washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, trash compactors, air conditioners and furnaces. Items are capped by a price tag of \$1,500 per appliance.

Across the state, city councils have been discussing the impact the loss of tax revenue would have on local budgets during a time of sensitive retail conditions.

Declining retail sales ultimately results in a loss of sales tax revenue, which puts a crunch on city services.

"Overall, our revenues are not significantly down," said Maryville City Manager Matthew

LeCerf. "But they are certainly not up."

LeCerf said that in comparison to other municipalities, changes in city revenue have not been significant, which he attributes to people continuing to shop locally.

At the same time, tax holidays can boost local retail sales, while energy efficient products bring additional savings to consumers throughout the year.

Council member Pat Cummings said the holiday could bring advertising revenue in addition to the shopping stimulus.

"Overall, it is something I'd like to try one year and see," she said during discussion before the vote. "I think there is some saving grace to it."

The price of switching to energy efficiency at

home - or at work - can be challenging. Per application, the maximum savings from tax exemptions is not likely to exceed \$100. However, the true cost of an appliance includes its future of utility bills.

Former Governor Matt Blunt campaigned for the holiday, saying that Energy Star appliances can reduce utility bills by as much as 30 percent, an average of \$435 per household.

Additionally, savvy shoppers can maximize savings by searching for rebates, which are frequently offered with Energy Star products at Energystar.gov.

"We encourage people who need appliances to - if they can - hold off until April," said LeCerf. "For their benefit, buy energy efficient and help with utility bills as well."

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## OUR VIEW

# Lawmakers need to take Nixon's plan seriously

It's one thing to say you're going to support a cause, but to act on that pledge is something else.

Take Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon. In the first month of a year that could be potentially paralyzing, fiscally speaking, for higher education, Nixon took a bold step in the opposite direction.

Times are tough in the Show-Me State. The budget needs balancing, and public higher education institutions could face up to a 25 percent cut to their state appropriations.

But last week, Nixon, a democrat, announced an agreement with institution leaders that would keep appropriations at their current levels, provided colleges and universities don't raise their tuition rates.

The proposal represents a rather immediate effort on Nixon's part to follow through on a campaign promise to put college students front and center. Given Missouri's position as 47th in the nation for per capita state funding for higher education, it's a welcomed move.

Still, it all sounds too good to be true and, truth be told, it might be. The governor's proposal is just like any other – it has to go through the General Assembly, and that's where things could heat up.

Republicans hold the majority in Jefferson City, and, not surprisingly, it's their side of the aisle that's raising the most opposition to Nixon's plan. Their argument is simple enough: important as Missouri higher education is, completely shielding it from budget cuts might not be feasible with the

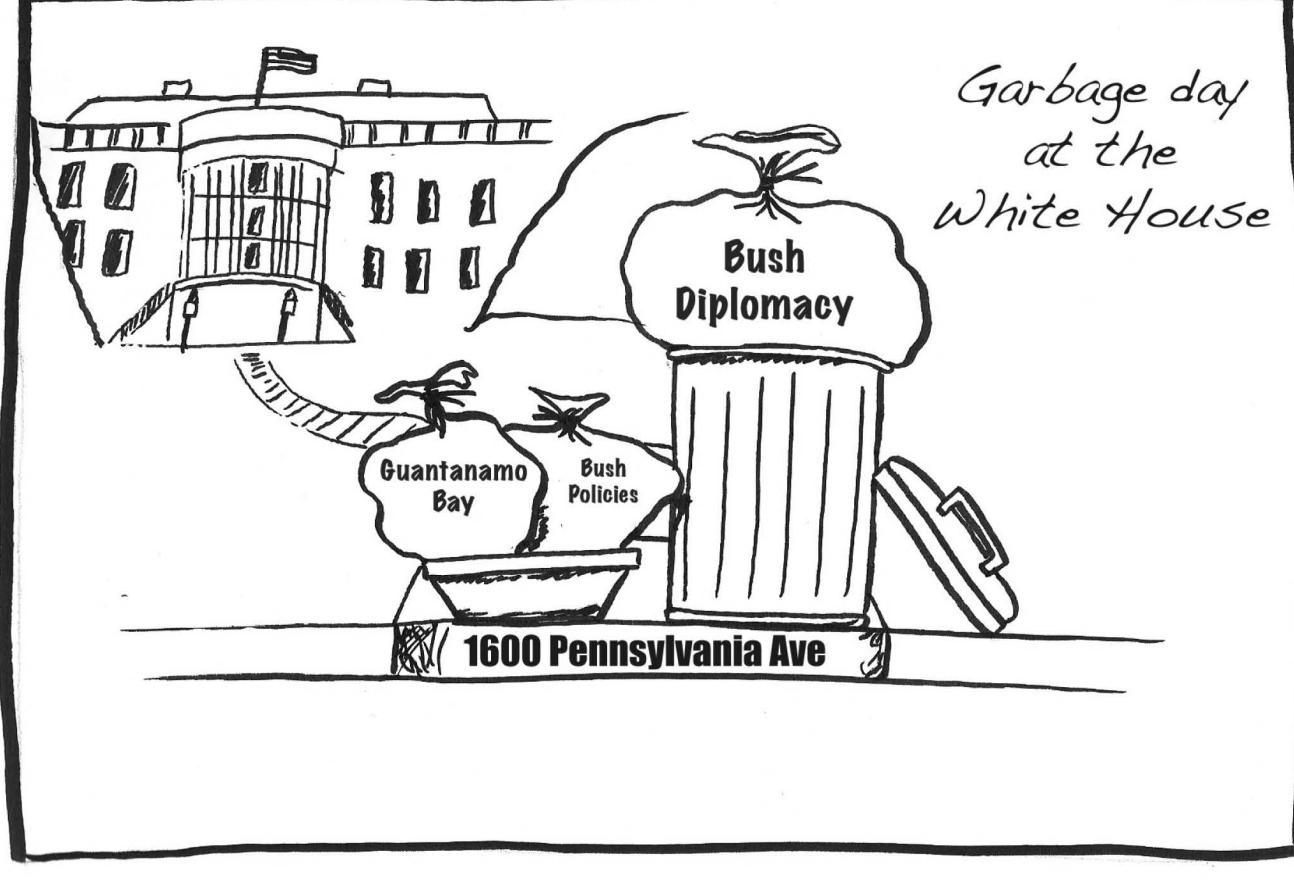
current budget shortfall.

But if this is a question of what's fair to the other state departments, which face similar cuts, we at the Missourian ask: What is it about being 47th out of 50 that's fair?

The percentage of Northwest's budget covered by state appropriations has dropped from about 70 percent to 40 percent over the past two decades. A 15 percent cut to Missouri college and university appropriations next year could result in significant lay offs, program cuts and, in the case of Harris

Stowe State University in St. Louis, the possible closing of an entire institution.

We understand that with economic strife comes almost certain sacrifice, but for an area of state funding that has all-too-often been first to visit the financial chopping block when cuts are in order, that sacrifice may take an especially heavy toll. Missouri lawmakers should take Nixon's proposal seriously, rash as it may seem. Any amount of relief for state higher education is better than the alternative.



## MY VIEW

# Individuals should take responsibility for their own bad choices

The weather report says there's a chance of rain. But the sky is blue, not a cloud in sight, and you opt out of an umbrella. You choose to go to the local park, and since it's such a lovely day, you choose to walk.

Ten minutes after you arrive, it begins to downpour. You are becoming drenched and are forced to return home as there is no shelter.

As you are on your way home, you realize you shouldn't have gone to the park, you should've taken an umbrella, and you should've listened to the weatherman. Your first instinct? Curse that gosh-darned weatherman for not being more absolute in his prediction of rain!

Life is about choices. The inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness have maintained a stronghold on American ideologies since the Declaration of Independence was penned.

The beauty of America is that we have the right to better ourselves and our children; we can make an attempt to rise above and make an



Natalie Bell  
Contributing Columnist

wrong to transgress against their fellow man and are in favor of a system of peaceful exchange.

However, most of our economic wounds are self-inflicted, stemming from our inability to live within our means. We've become a society that consistently mistakes wants for needs.

With an infinite amount of knowledge at our fingertips, it should not be so difficult to make informed decisions. Perhaps we should digress back to our childhoods and remember a question: why? Why are the credit companies extending my limit? Why can I afford another car? Why is the bank willing to give me a home worth more than twice I will make in my lifetime?

This isn't complicated – if it's too good to be true, then follow your instinct. Odds are you haven't hit the jackpot of the century; you're just being dragged under, probably signing your life away in the process.

It is important to remem-

ber that personal responsibility is not a burden; it is a blessing. We must understand that it is the freedom to create our own lives.

As objectivist philosopher Leonard Peikoff points out, one cannot act on any idea outside the perspective that exists within. Use your intellect and moral capacity to make a real transformation. People overcome huge obstacles all over the world every day.

I believe in America and what it stands for. This is why something needs to change. And instead of demanding it from everyone else, it has to start with us. Punishing corporations for their profits is not necessarily the answer; this will only send the message that in America, you can try to be successful, but if you are too successful, we'll start taking your money.

The answer lies in doing our homework and making the right choices. After all, at the end of the day it's about taking an umbrella. You can choose not to, it's true, but don't whine when you get wet.

Early in his first term, America was attacked by a terrorist group known as Al-Qaeda. Following those attacks, Bush did a couple of things. He launched the "War of Terror", throwing us into "search and destroy" mode around the world, and the United States virtually became the "world police" in matters concerning global terrorism. First accomplishment – the men and women of our armed forces now travel to far and exotic lands, experiencing a people and culture that we see very little of here in the United States.

He then signed an executive order authorizing the National Security Agency to monitor "suspected" terrorists' communications with U.S. citizens (yes, that includes you and me), meaning, if one has any relatives in a nation with a sizeable Muslim population, then one's phone calls are probably being monitored by the U.S. government. Second accomplishment – an incentive to have concise, well thought-out conversations when making phone calls overseas, thus spending less money on those pricey international call rates.

In his first year in office, Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind Act. This was to close the gap between the poor and rich kids' school performance. Third accomplishment – teachers now spend more precious class time teaching kids how to pass yet another standardized test.

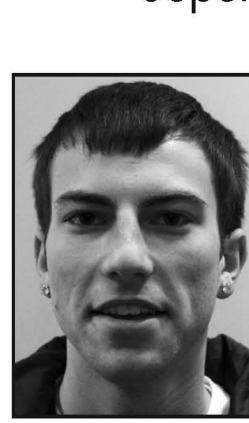
During his second term, Bush used his mighty veto power to stop the Stem Cell Research Act. Fourth accomplishment – our country will be put years behind the rest of the world in medical research, and essentially guaranteeing a future of reliance upon Europe and Asia for medical advancement.

Finally, I will list his passage of the Military Commissions Act of 2006. This act allowed our government to prosecute unlawful enemy combatants by military commission rather than a standard trial. The fifth accomplishment – the respect that was gained from other countries around the world by letting them know we are tough on criminals.

I am sorry to all of you Bush-haters out there that just want an article listing his failures, such as the mishandling of the War in Iraq, the slow response to Hurricane Katrina, the constant cronyism he has displayed with his government appointments, and the collapse of our economy. I just chose to be a little more positive.

## CAMPUS TALK

### Superbowl XLIII: What are you doing? Who will win?



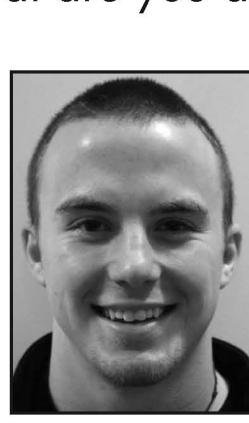
I'm going to get together with some friends and kick it and watch some football. Steelers are going to win; they have been my team since day one.

**Nick Wright**  
Deciding



I'm going down to Kansas City to hang out with friends. I don't even know who's playing.

**Karlie Sherlock**  
Biology



I'm not sure yet what I'm going to do, but Cardinals. Cinderella story.

**Aaron Earley**  
Deciding



I'm hoping the Steelers will win and I'm going to watch the game with my family.

**Jennifer Pollard**  
Ag. Business



I think the Cardinals are going to win. I'm going to make a lot of dip and have a few beers.

**Jon Watkins**  
MBA

## DAY: 911 funds among top issues

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"They (Leadership Northwest Missouri) identify the issues that are most important in their community and those are collected and then they identify which issues affect the whole entire region and which ones seem to be the most important for everyone," Luke said. "When we go down to Jefferson City it looks as if there's a bigger need for the issue and by pooling our resources together, we're able to hold this event that the legislators want to come and attend."

The regional issues that headline the agenda for this year's trip include pursuing expansion to the current funding for wastewater treatment to help meet EPA and DNR standards, and continuing to develop water access throughout the region.

Another item on the agenda is addressing the funding needed for 911 calls. Taxes for the service come from land-line phones, but monies are disappearing with the advent of new technologies, Luke said.

"A lot of people are deleting their land lines phones and just using their cell phones, so some of that funding is coming off of there," Luke said. "I think they're looking to change the verbiage on that to also include cell phones."

The last major issue budgeted for the year deals with Senate Bill 711, which has provisions on local governments and their options for stacking local taxes.

Another local leader making the trip is Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson. Learning how to coordinate events with state legislators and gaining exposure for the region is beneficial for all local leaders, Jackson said.

"It's a great opportunity to connect with our lawmakers," Jackson said. "And for those that are out there that have never gone, I encourage them to take the opportunity ... to be able to go down there and go with people that know how the system works and get that experience."

The event also lets local entities converse directly with legislators and their cabinets that affect them directly, Jackson said.

Like Jackson, Luke echoed what she felt was one of the most important aspects of the trip.

"It's also a good chance for the people of the region to network," Luke said and added that the event ranks high on the Chamber's to-do-list. "This is one of our most important events that we do for the community and for the county."

## STREET: Road boasts high traffic

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would target to do that," Decker said. The CIP tax—voted on by Maryville residents last April—led to the city repairing a strip of road along South Main Street last summer. The quality of that project is what residents can expect from future road improvements, Decker said.

Any final say as to what street the city would go forward with for a road improvement project this year will ultimately be up to the Maryville City Council, Decker cautioned, but that 16th Street is at the top of the list officials are considering.

The country could learn as soon as this week if Obama's plan will move forward. Regardless though, the CIP tax will still be available for road improvements, Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf said.

"Four-point-eight million dollars was allocated towards road improvements and street improvements and that's what we intend on completing, but if we can get additional money through the federal government and the state government if this economic stimulus package comes around, we're going to take advantage of that," LeCerf said.

"I think the city would not be taking a proactive stance if we didn't have some sort of plan ready to go and that's

what we're trying to achieve."

Officials targeted 16th Street because of its deteriorating state and traffic volume, LeCerf said. Counts taken during the summer of 2008 showed 3,079 vehicles traveling the road per day.

A new road for 16th Street would include an eight-inch layer of concrete, as opposed to an alternative substance like asphalt, LeCerf said.

"We suspect on West 16th that we will probably do concrete," LeCerf said. "It would probably stay about the same width. We would probably design it with 12-foot wide lanes. We would not permit on-street parking on that section of West 16th when we design it."

The Public Works Department did a cost estimate during the latter months of the summer of 2008, Decker said.

"It came in right around \$1 million for the construction costs," Decker said. "That was based on our costs on South Main. That doesn't include any engineering costs, so we're close to a million for that stretch out there."

Jim Cox is the owner of two Birches Apartments on Country Club Road and uses 16th Street on a regular basis. He said he's happy with the job the city's done on Main Street, but that 16th Street needed improvement as it connects the outskirts of town—as well

as the immediate area outside of the city—with the rest of Maryville.

"There are agricultural trucks and concrete trucks on that road all of the time," Cox said. "Sixteenth Street is a street they need to improve. They have too much traffic for the base they have out there."

South Depot was another street considered for improvement, among others, Decker said. But limited funds and manpower will keep other street projects held off until further down the road.

Midland Surveying Inc. will provide the city with topographic and boundary surveying services, and help give officials an idea of others issues that may need addressed.

"What they're doing is just the topographical survey which will enable us to get elevations," LeCerf said. "It will allow us to pinpoint items that may cause some sort of interference with the project, whether it be utilities or other structures."

The success of past projects such as the new strip of road on South Main has LeCerf hopeful for future projects, he said.

"We hope to have just as good of a project as what we have in other locations such as South Main and what we'll have in White Ridge and South Saunders as well," LeCerf said.

## OBITUARIES

Margaret Elaine Huls, 93, Clearmont, Missouri died on Jan. 22, 2009 in Red Oak, Iowa.

She was born June 9, 1915 to Charles and Mabel Damon. Early years found the family moving to Longmont, Col. where Margaret attended school. Her late teenage years were spent in Southwest Iowa where she met and married James Elden Huls. Margaret and Elden spent their married years as farmers in the Clearmont, Mo. area. Margaret is survived by a daughter, Margaret Jean Watkins and husband Martin, Hutchinson, Kan. Also surviving are grandchildren: Donna Budd, and husband Jim; Steven Hull; Kelly Hull and wife, Cheryl; Wendy Turley and husband, James; Tina Watkins and step-grand-daughter: Karen Shaw. Seven great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren also survive. Margaret will be missed by many friends also.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Elden; step-son, Dean and wife, Helen; her parents and four siblings.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Pauline (Biley) Holtman**, 90, Conception Junction, Missouri died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at Village Care Center, Maryville.

She was born June 4, 1918 in Clyde, Mo., the daughter of Joseph and Teresa (Wiederholt) Biley. A graduate of St Benedict's High School, Clyde, Mo., Pauline attended nurse's training at the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, St. Joseph, Mo. She married Lawrence Holtman on Oct. 20, 1938.

A homemaker, Pauline was a member of St. Columba Parish, a charter member and "Gold Star Mother" of the Tri-C American Legion Auxiliary, Conception Junction.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband: Lawrence in 1973; her sons: Robert, John and Ronald Holtman; sisters: Mary From, Lorine Lager and Bernadine Auffert; son-in-law: Larry Shackelford and a granddaughter.

Survivors include her children: Shirley Shackelford and Carolyn Sturm, Maryville; Ed Holtman, Conception, Missouri; Diane Schieber, Jim, Richard, Ted and Fred Holtman all of Conception Junction and Sandra Jensen, Stanberry, Missouri; 35 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; brothers: Ralph Biley, Barnard, Missouri and Robert Biley, Conception Junction; sisters: Rosetta Redden and Pat Driskell, both of Maryville; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation is 6-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Conception Junction, Mo. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at St. Columba Catholic Church, Conception Junction, Mo. Burial is in St. Columba Cemetery, Conception, Mo.

Memorials may be made to St. Columba's Parish or the American Legion Auxiliary in Mrs. Holtman's name.

## NASA: Lack of gravity 'inconvenient,' but 'fun'

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dollars a year to spend, which may seem like a lot," Magnus said. "Less than one cent of tax on an item goes to the NASA program. More of people's money goes to junk food than to NASA, so yes, it is definitely worth it."

The most inconvenient, but most fun part of living in space, is the absence of gravity, Magnus said.

"With gravity you can sit something down and it will be there when you come," Magnus said. "Without gravity you lose a lot of things unless you duck tape, Velcro or bungee things down. But, it's fun because get to float around."

After the 20 minutes was over, John Weiss, an Educational Specialist at Marshall Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. answered any questions the astronauts did not have time for plus a few questions from the audience.

Even without gravity, static electricity does occur in space, Weiss said. A cable is hooked from the astronaut to the object they are working with to reduce electricity build up.

"While isolated away from gravity, we hope to learn to make things work better," Weiss said. "It is called spin-off technologies where you experiment what happens without gravity and then come back to earth and experiment with gravity."

## BUDGET: State awaits aid

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one-time, short-term fix, possibly leaving Missouri in a similar financial crunch this time next year.

"We can't put out a budget this year based on government support that might not be there next year," Thomson said.

Missouri faces a \$261 million budget shortfall for FY '09. It has to be balanced by the time FY '09 ends on June 30. Nixon hopes to do so through eliminating more than 1,300 state posi-

tions and reducing funding for 50 state programs.

If Nixon's appropriation-tuition freeze takes effect, the University will still have to deal with the cost of inflation against reduced tuition revenue next year, said Ray Courier, vice president of finance and support services.

Though nothing has been finalized, Courier said salary freezes, cuts to the travel budget and better management of utility consumption—such as heat and air conditioning—are possible options for offsetting rising costs.

## CUT: Sales drop 12 percent first quarter

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Still, the downturn didn't come as a complete surprise, Energizer Chief Executive Officer Ward Klein said in a statement.

"The first quarter results were as expected given severe macro-economic challenges," Klein said. He added that the status of both the Personal Care and Household Products divisions of the company would depend on national factors. "We feel good about our competitive position in both businesses, but future performance is greatly dependent on the overall economic environment."

The downturn should just be temporary and Plagens was optimistic about the future, she said.

"As long as folks realize it's the economy; we have a solid business here," Plagens said. "We've done many good things in the last several years regarding lean manufacturing that has put us in a position where we'll be able to work through this economic situation."

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### Unsportsmanlike Statistics

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  - 8.5 million pounds of tortilla chips,
  - 4.1 million pounds of pretzels,
  - 3.8 million pounds of popcorn and
  - 2.7 million pounds of nuts.
- The average armchair quarterback will consume 1200 calories and 50 grams of fat from snacking and that doesn't even count any meals!
- To burn off those 1200 calories from snacking during the Super Bowl, it would take:
  - 4 hours walking around a football field or
  - 1 hour and 45 minutes running or
  - 2 hours and 10 minutes playing touch football.

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# HOLY HILARITY

Interactive religious comedy cracks up crowd at Encore kickoff

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SISTER, PLAYED BY Mary Zentmyer, lectures her catechism "class" during the Encore performing arts series presentation of "Late Nite Catechism" Jan. 22 at the Performing Arts Center. Members of the audience who "misbehaved" during the show were quickly made part of the act.

By Stacie Zika  
*Missourian Reporter*

Generally, when people think of catechism class the word entertaining doesn't come to mind. Loud choral church music fills the air; this is to be expected. What wasn't expected was for the nun to correct people for talking, chewing gum or wearing a hat.

The one-woman play "Late Nite Catechism" kicked off this year's Encore series.

"Late Nite Catechism" takes audience members through an interactive catechism-structured class. Audience participation plays a big role in this play. This participation creates a religious education class unlike any others.

Sister, played by Mary Zentmyer, leads the class with a firm hand and expects the audience to follow the rules.

"Sister is feisty, no nonsense; she is strict but never mean," Zentmyer said.

During the play, Sister took away a cell phone to "donate to the mission," placed people in the onstage forgiveness chair, and also made someone put their gum on their nose. Another audience member was told to remove his hat because this was not a baseball game and Sister threatened to send it off to the missions.

"There is a fine line. The discipline is strong but the love is still there. Sister is like a grandmother in that way. Almost like the granny from the Beverly Hillbillies," Zentmyer said.

The audience laughed each time another person got corrected or pulled up onstage.

"It makes you feel like you are really students in a classroom and not just watching a play," student Katie Warman said.

Sister made Histories, Humanities, Philosophy, Political Sciences Professor Janice Brandon-Falcone come onstage and place her nose against the chalkboard in the "Circle of Silence." This was a punishment for talking to her neighbor.

"It's that Dave Slater's fault. He started talking to me and got me into trouble. Isn't that how it always

goes, those boys are trouble. No, really I took it all in good fun," Falcone said.

Student Hanna Young said the audience participation was her favorite part of the play and that it made it fun. Although, she said she was glad she was in the back of the auditorium so could avoid being called out.

"Late Nite Catechism" is intended to be a light-hearted comedy that allows an audience to laugh and is not meant to be disrespectful towards religion.

"I was a little afraid at first, because religion is a sensitive issue. But the play does poke fun but gentle fun and is never disrespectful," Zentmyer said.

Zentmyer has been playing Sister for almost 12 years now and attributes the show's success to the fact that people can relate to the topic.

"The truth behind it is what makes it funny," Zentmyer said. "I think it is the nostalgia factor. It puts them back in the third grade in happier, simpler times. 70-year-olds become seven again," she said.

Many audience members related to the material because they had a background in the Catholic Church.

"It made being Catholic fun. I am a life-long Catholic and I always enjoy a good Catholic joke," student Joe Barbosa said.

However, being Catholic is not required to think this play is entertaining.

"I think it is good that they can poke fun at their religion. There were some things I didn't know but I understood enough to still find it funny," said Warman.

The play may have had a lighthearted and comedic tone, but afterward, Sister took up a serious donation for real retired nuns. The audience donated more than \$700 to the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Mo.

Collecting for the real retired nuns after the show is definitely her favorite part, Zentmyer said.

"I know it sounds sappy, but I like collecting for the nuns because they gave so much for everyone else. They have spent their whole lives giving so now I feel it is pay back time," Zentmyer said.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Washburn gives 'Cats third straight home-game loss

By Brian Bosiljevac  
*University Sports Editor*

The Northwest women's basketball lost its sixth straight game last night.

Of course, the last three losses were to the first, second and third ranked team, with last night's loss coming at the hands of No. 11 Washburn 66-57.

"Did you think we were going to beat the No. 5 and No. 11 teams in the country," coach Gene

Steinmeyer asked. "I did, but I'm supposed to. But in truth, were we favored to win those games? So, all we had to do was just try to play as hard as we could and just try to survive it."

And at times, this Bearcat team did play as good as it could against the toughest teams in the conference, but could never play its best the whole game.

"I think we can win and we have the potential to," senior Meghan Brue said.

After only having two first half points, Brue got it together in the second half to get her streak of scoring double-digit points to 18 straight games. She did have a rough night though, going 4-for-14 from the floor.

"I couldn't make it from two inches away," Brue said.

It was sophomore Rickeya McElroy who led the team with 20 points.

"It gives me hope that her up-and-down season was caused

by her ulcer and she can be consistent the rest of the way," Steinmeyer said.

Hopes are bright for this Northwest team whose next game is Saturday at Fort Hays, which is only one of two teams the 'Cats have beaten in conference play this season.

"We can't come into a game and think, 'oh they're not as good,' because obviously everyone is a challenge for us," Brue said.



SOPHOMORE CENTER RICKEYA McELROY pivots toward the basket trying to fake-out a Washburn defender. McElroy went 8-13 from the field for 20 points in the Bearcats loss.

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## PROFILE | BEN MCKIM



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JUNIOR THROWER BEN McKIM winds up to launch a shot in Bearcat Arena. McKim is one of Northwest's devoted and consistent throwers.

### GOD, GUTS AND GLORY

#### Athlete right on track for seminary, Highland Games

By Jason Lawrence  
*Asst. Sports Editor*

What do you get when you mix a kilt, throwing heavy objects, a talkative side and a love of God? Ben McKim, of course.

McKim is one of the indoor track and field team's most consistent contributors. In all of the meets he has competed in, he has surpassed the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

"He's completely dedicated, he works really hard," track coach Scott Lorek said. "He's committed himself to doing this year round. He's always lifting and looking for

things to do. He really wants to be as good as he can. He's totally into the sport. He loves it."

Outside of his duties on the Northwest track and field team, McKim competes every summer in the Scottish Highland games. His brother took him to the games in Kansas City after he saw it one ESPN2 one day and ever since, he's been hooked and goes to the games as much as possible.

Daniel has achieved pro status and has been to Scotland to compete in the games.

"The Highland Games are basically like a decathlon, except for throwers, but there

are only nine events," McKim said. "It's just a day that a bunch of guys get together, wear kilts, be manly and throw heavy stuff."

The games consist of the open stone, which is a 16-pound stone that can be thrown in any way. There is the Braymer stone, which is a 22-pound stone that has to be thrown standing still. The light and heavy hammer throws, in which the competitor spins the hammer around above their head and throws it backwards.

The light (35-pounds) and heavy weight (56-pounds), in which the competitor holds the stone in one hand and spins in a

backward seven and throws it. The weight over head, which is where the thrower lifts the 56-pound weight between their legs and throw it as high as they can above their head. The sheaf, which is like a pitch fork in a 20-pound hay bale that the thrower has to try and throw over a bar. The most famous of the events is the caber toss. This event consists of trying to flip a telephone pole over from chest level to receive a score.

"If you do well, like if you win, you can win a sword, like a 'Braveheart' sword," McKim said. "I have a battle axe at home and a sword, it's so cool."

When the summer comes to an end, McKim takes up his shot put again and puts his Bearcat jersey back on.

This season has been no different. He has set his personal best with a throw of 53 feet six and one-fourth inches in the shot put. However, he still wants more.

"I want to go to nationals for indoor," McKim said. "Right now I'm ranked sixth nationally. By the end of indoor I want to get to 55 feet. I really want to surpass the career best my brother Daniel set while he was here, so at family reunions See **MCKIM** on B2

## MHS WRESTLING

### 'Hounds suffer first dual loss

By Dustin Sander  
*Community Sports Editor*

The Maryville wrestling team fell in its second home duel of the season to Benton Tuesday night.

The Spoofhounds lost by a final team score of 47-30, picking up four pins in the process.

The 'Hounds saw the Benton team just three days earlier at the Midland Empire Conference Tournament where the 'Hounds took second behind Benton.

"It got everybody more excited that it was going to be a challenge and

that we weren't just going to run over them," junior Bryce Alexander said. "It lead to a lot of togetherness."

Alexander kicked off the dual for the 'Hounds in the 152-pound weight class by earning a pin and helping Maryville jump out to a 6-0 lead. Alexander faced the same boy before on Saturday and beat him again by pin fall when Alexander finished first in the tournament.

"It gave me tons of confidence to know that I had already beaten him before," Alexander said. "I knew that he was just

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photo by christopher woodland

Will Twaddle controlled the first period his 130-pound match against Benton's Tanner Murphy. Murphy took the lead with less than a minute left in the match though, and Twaddle couldn't recover for the win.

In the coming week, the 'Cats travel to face the second-ranked defense in the MIAA in Fort Hays on Saturday. Then UNO's second-ranked offense comes to Maryville on Wednesday night.

Fort Hays handed Northwest a 79-68 loss in Bearcat Arena earlier this year, while UNO won the first match-up this year 73-64 in Omaha, Neb.

UNO's Mitch Albers and Michael Jenkins both rank in the top ten in the MIAA averaging 16.8 and 16.6 points-per-game respectively.

Larsen thinks maintaining focus and a work ethic will be vital down the stretch.

"We just need to keep building towards being perfect."

## TRACK AND FIELD

# Two records broken at Prairie Wolf, freshman nearly breaks third

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

Anna O'Brien is indeed leaving her mark on the Northwest track and field record books.

O'Brien followed up her record-breaking performance in the 5,000 meter run two weeks ago by breaking two more school records last weekend at the Prairie Wolf Invitational in Ames, Iowa. She set a new school record in the mile run and topped her own previous mark in the 1,000 meter run.

"We're very proud of her," teammate Kate Walter said. "Just to do it back to back and being consistent during this season."

She was the top Division II athlete in the mile and finished fourth overall in a field of 59 with a time of 5:02.73. She finished second in the 1K in 3:00.40.

"She has had probably the best nine days I've ever seen an athlete have," coach Scott Lorek said. "The team as a whole just has a great respect for her and how hard she works. The motivation of the whole group just kind of accelerates when you've got Anna out there. She's a great example and a great leader."

In addition to O'Brien's feats, freshman Tyler Shaw came within one-hundredth or a second from tying the program record in the 60-meter hurdles. Shaw ran an 8.16 in his first collegiate meet, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Championships at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational.

"I put in a slow time for

him, not knowing what to expect," Lorek said. "I was watching him thinking of all the things we needed to work on and then looked up at his time and decided maybe there weren't too many things we needed to work on."

Ben McKim kept his streak of exceeding the preliminary qualifying streak going by placing third in the shot put behind two Iowa State throwers with a 52-11 mark in Ames.

In Lincoln, Kayli Hrdlicka won the 1,000 meter run in her first career attempt. Lindsay Biermann won the triple jump. Walter won a third event for the Northwest women by throwing a career best, 39 feet five and three-fourth inches in the shot put.

Lorek has been very pleased with the performance of his team in their first few meets after the break.

"They're coming back and improving and breaking records right off the bat," Lorek said. "There's no way that can even happen if they hadn't done a great job over break."

This weekend the women compete in the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic in Crete, Neb. on Saturday. The four female heptathletes will also compete in the Kip Janvrin Multi-Events at Doane College.

The men take the weekend off before moving on to the UCM Relays in Warrensburg on Feb. 7.

"We're just trying to keep getting those personal records and keep qualifying," team member Trevor Johanssen said. "That's what the whole season is about, getting those marks so you can get to the post-season."



photo by seth cook | photography editor

Hunter Henry and Mike Larsen hit a pair of hail mary threes with under a minute remaining, but Washburn's Covier Carter connected on two free throws with 18 seconds remaining assured the Washburn victory. Elijah Allen finished the game with his first career double double. He scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Henry was held to just eight points and four rebounds.

## MCKIM: Well rounded athlete

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I can rub it in a little bit."

McKim has also set a goal to get to 60 feet before he graduates with a degree in organizational communication.

"Basically, I just like to talk to people," McKim said. "Basically, it's just speaking and working with multiple corporations at one time."

After graduation, he hopes to go to seminary, a specialized higher-education institution that instructs students in philosophy, theology, spirituality and the religious life. But in the big picture, he sees himself going into the youth ministry.

He is currently an intern at his church in the youth department. Aside from lifting weights and competing in track and field, this is where McKim spends the majority of his free time. He enjoys teaching young men about God.

"I spend a lot of time with the youth guys talking to them," McKim said. "We just talk about God. I really try to disciple and try to get to know people. I'm a people person and I like to talk a lot."

In addition to his talkative side and his love for sharing the Lord's word, McKim has a competitive side.

"I'm a pretty competitive guy as it is," McKim said. "It's nice to go out there and test your strength against other people.

With track and field you can see certain goals because it's all measurements. You can visually see improvements right away."

This competitive nature is where his background and his family comes into play.

"My two older brothers both threw," McKim said. "One of them threw in high school and the other one threw in both high school and college, so I grew up going to track meets and knew a lot about it, so in the seventh grade, when we could first do track and field, I was all over it."

He has been competing in track since then and was all-state in shot put twice and discus once in high school. Then when it came time to pick where to attend college, McKim said the choice was easy.

"I grew up always going to Bearcat games," McKim said. "I've always enjoyed the Bearcats and I just knew I wanted to be a Bearcat."

However, the day will come when McKim will no longer be a Bearcat. He said he was really looking forward to the Highland Games after he graduates. It has a long season and he would like to one day achieve pro status like his brother and go to Scotland to compete.

So, when this track season ends, McKim will put down the shot put and pick up the telephone pole.

## MEN'S STATISTICS

| Northwest | Emporia State         |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 67        | Points 56             |
| 46.4      | Field Goal pct. 37.0  |
| 28        | Rebounds 30           |
| 15        | Assists 12            |
| 40.0      | Three point pct. 36.0 |
| 8         | Turnovers 18          |
| 12        | Steals 4              |
| 81.8      | Free throw pct. 81.3  |
| 3         | Blocks 2              |

## MEN'S GAME LEADERS

| Points                  | Rebounds                             |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1.) 17 - Hunter Henry   | 1.) 9 - Hunter Henry                 |
| 2.) 16 - Elijah Allen   | 2.) 5 - DuJuan Harris                |
| 3.) 12 - Mike Larsen    | 3.) 4 - Mike Larsen                  |
| Assists                 | Steals                               |
| 1.) 6 - Mike Larsen     | 1.) 3 - Hunter Henry and Mike Larsen |
| 2.) 4 - Edriss Floyd    | 3.) 2 - Two tied                     |
| 3.) 2 - Elijah Allen    |                                      |
| FG percentage           | 3-pt percentage                      |
| 1.) 100 - DuJuan Harris | 1.) 75.0 - Mike Larsen               |
| 2.) 75.0 - Mike Larsen  | 2.) 42.9 - Edriss Floyd              |
| 3.) 72.7 - Elijah Allen | 3.) N/A                              |

## WOMEN'S STATISTICS

| Northwest | Washburn              |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 57        | Points 66             |
| 37.7      | Field Goal pct. 41.5  |
| 33        | Rebounds 34           |
| 10        | Assists 13            |
| 33.3      | Three point pct. 38.9 |
| 18        | Turnovers 14          |
| 9         | Steals 12             |
| 100       | Free throw pct. 71.4  |
| 1         | Blocks 3              |

## WOMEN'S GAME LEADERS

| Points                                | Rebounds                                    |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1.) 20 - Rickey McElroy               | 1.) 8 - Rickey McElroy                      |
| 2.) 15 - Micaela Uriell               | 2.) 5 - Melissa Nyquist and Jessica Burton  |
| 3.) 12 - Meghan Brue                  |   |
| Assists                               | Steals                                      |
| 1.) 3 - Meghan Brue and Shelly Martin | 1.) 3 - Melissa Nyquist and Shelly Martin   |
| 2.) 1 - 4 players with 1              | 2.) 1 - 3 players with 1                    |
| FG percentage                         | 3-pt percentage                             |
| 1.) 61.5 - Rickey McElroy             | 1.) 50.0 - Micaela Uriell and Shelly Martin |
| 2.) 60 - Shelly Martin                | 3.) 50 - Amber Vandevender                  |
| 3.) 50 - Amber Vandevender            | 2.) N/A                                     |

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# SPOOFHOUNDS

## BOY'S BASKETBALL

### Boys fall to 0-2 in MEC, hope to bounce back this week

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' basketball team fell at the hands of a dominating Lafayette team Tuesday night.

The Spoofhounds lost the game 57-29 in St. Joseph, giving the Hounds a 9-5 record.

"The game last night was a real tough one. They were very good and they played extremely well," coach Mike Kuwitsky said. "They just out played us. They are a very good defensive team and offensive team."

Lafayette jumped on the Hounds early in the game with a first quarter score of 17-3. However, the Hounds showed fight to bring the game within five points during the second quarter by only giving up five points to the Irish. Lafayette then hit a three pointer to end the second quarter with a score of 22-14.

"We showed a little bit of fight. We were coming back in the second quarter," Kuwitsky said.

Maryville lost control of the game after that, giving up 33

points in the second half. The Hounds struggled to do much on either side of ball, proving they have a lot of work on their hands for the rest of the season, Kuwitsky said.

"We had a hard time running our offense and we had to work really hard to get open shots and then we didn't hit too many of them," Kuwitsky said. "I think it was a combination of the fact that we've got a lot of work to do on both our offense and defense."

The Hounds hope to make improvements before they travel to East Buchanan tonight to take on the Bulldogs.

"We've just got to move ahead and think about (tonight's) East Buch game over at East Buch," Kuwitsky said.

The Hounds spent practice Wednesday working on the weaknesses they saw Tuesday night to bring their best to East



file photo

SPOOFHOUNDS JOSH ELLIOT scrambles for a loose ball last week against Mid Buchanan. The Hounds lost to Lafayette 57-29 Tuesday night in St. Joseph, Mo.

Buchanan tonight.

Maryville began Midland Empire Conference play last Friday with a tough loss to Chillicothe at home, 55-51. The Hounds are now 0-2 in MEC play. Their next chance in the MEC will be

against Bishop LeBlond at 5 p.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Hounds get their chance to redeem themselves outside of the conference at 5 p.m. tonight in Gower, Mo. against East Buchanan.

### WRESTLING: first loss

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going to wait for me to do something, so I was just going to switch my moves so he didn't know what was coming and it lead to the victory."

Two matches later in the 171-pound weight class, the Hounds were forced to forfeit and lost the lead, 10-6.

After the forfeit, the Hounds brought the score within two but never regained the lead. They ended up giving Benton 18 team points by either forfeits or an open weight class.

"We've got some kids hurt," coach Joe Drake said. "We're going to try and get them healed up for Saturday."

The Hounds ended up losing the duel to Benton 47-30 in the rematch of the top two MEC teams.

"We knew they had seven champions down there and 11 placers, we knew they were pretty solid," Drake said. "We just told the boys that we knew we had our hands full but we actually wrestled better tonight than we did down at Lafayette on Saturday ... We actually as a team wrestled better,

we still lost but we had a lot better performance tonight than we did Saturday against them."

Maryville tallied up five pins in the 11 matches; the pins were the only times the Hounds won throughout the entire night. Even though the Hounds lost, Drake is positive and fine with the outcome and hopes for his team to learn a lot from tonight. Also, on the plus side they will never see Benton again this season.

"We know we're not going to see them again," Drake said. "We're not going to see this group of kids again anywhere because they're not going to be in our classification when we get into districts and the state tournament. We want to use it as a challenge, we'll wrestle some really good individuals and now if we can learn from tonight, learn what's going to work for them and what's not we'll progress. If they choose not to learn anything from tonight then it's kind of a wasted night."

Maryville hit the mats again against Smithville at 7 p.m. tonight at home.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Strong start gives 'Hounds 4-game win streak into white-out

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds are riding a four game winning streak into Friday night's "White Out the Gym" game versus rival Savannah.

The two teams have met once already this season. Maryville came out on top 59-56 in the third game of the season. Coach Grant Hageman says the two teams are completely different from the teams they were when they played the first time.

"We didn't play very good defense the first time we played them," Hageman said. "We hope we can hold them to less than that and won't have to score 59 points to win."

Hageman hopes having the support of all the youth girls in the white will make a difference and create a bigger home court advantage.

"We're really trying to get younger girls excited about Spoofhound basketball," Hageman said.

All girls from pre-school through middle school can

get into the game for free if they wear a white shirt or a basketball camp shirt. A special section of the gym will be reserved just for the future lady Spoofhounds.

In addition to free attendance, Hageman said there will be a couple of drawings and contests involved.

"We're going to do a drawing for honorary starters to run out onto the floor," Hageman said. "We're going to have a free throw contest at halftime and be giving away a few shirts, we just want to

get youth girls excited about Maryville basketball."

Maryville is riding a lot of momentum into the game following two big wins. The last win made it a four game streak, the longest of the season. The Hounds defeated Mid-Buchanan 58-25 in Faustett.

They started off the game on a 20 to two run and took a 39 to 14 lead into halftime.

"We kept a lot of girls fresh and were rotating five-for-five early on," Hageman said. "The girls did a good job pressuring and causing some turnovers.

We got some easy baskets and then once we got that going, offense is just easy."

Hageman said he was proud of both his offense, and the way it moved the ball around. Every girl that played scored at least two points. Megan Walker and Shannon McClellan led the team with 12 points each. He also said that the focus this season has really been on defense.

"We actually said we wanted to hold Mid-Buch to 25 points," Hageman said. "That's exactly what they got,

so we're more encouraged by that because on most nights we're going to be able to find someone to hit some shots."

Hageman said that playing Savannah at home will be a big advantage for his girls.

"It's going to be a battle," Hageman said. "I mean, we see Savannah twice a year and over the summer, so we're very familiar with each other. It's just who comes out and makes plays and holds on to the ball."

Tip-off is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. in Maryville.

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Anna O'Brien



Mike Larsen scored 12 points and dished out six assists in Northwest's 67-56 win over Emporia State on Saturday. He also hit a three-point when the Bearcats trailed by three with 5:46 remaining. The three ended Emporia's comeback attempt, and the 'Cats finished the game on a 14-point run. Since Larsen has taken over at point guard the 'Cats have won four-of-five games.

## Mike Larsen



Anna O'Brien broke two more school records last weekend. She broke program records for the mile and 1,000 meter runs at the Iowa State Open. She ran her mile in 5:02.73, and finished the 1,000 meter run in 3:00.42. These are the second and third records O'Brien has broke over a nine day time-frame, after she broke the 5 kilometer record last weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

## Shannon McClellan



While the Spoofhounds struggled against a tough opponent Tuesday night, Tyler Hayes dominated his match against Benton's Tyson Martinez in the 215-pound match. Hayes pinned Martinez in 44 seconds, and was one of five Spoofhounds to win by pinfall during Tuesday's 47-30 loss to Benton.

## Tyler Hayes



McClellan helped lead MHS to a 58-25 win over Mid Buchanan last Monday. She scored 12 points and contributed three steals to the victory. The last win improves the Spoofhounds to 9-3 on the season heading into the "white out" game versus Savannah on Friday.

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## Chiefs receive failing grades for 2008 season

So the 2008 NFL season is almost over and the off season is on its way, so I guess it's time to give out grades for the Chiefs.

### The Chiefs - F+

The Chiefs won only two games in the '08 season, that's a whopping .143 winning percentage, way to go Chiefs the only reason they aren't receiving a 14 percent is because they were in position to win more games, plus they beat the Broncos at Arrowhead. Too add insult to injury, the O-16 Detroit Lions' last win was against the Chiefs.

### Herm Edwards - F

I know the Chiefs were young and I know the Chiefs were rebuilding, but there is still no excuse to

lead a team to 2-14. He was supposed to be a defensive-minded coach, after all, he was a defensive back for the Eagles for nine years, but his defense this season was ranked 31st in the league.

Edwards is 20 games below .500 in his coaching career, it looks like the Miracle in the Meadowlands never happened in his coaching career, or at least in KC.

### Tyler Thigpen - C- 70%

Thigpen gets the only passing grade so far because there were no



Dustin Sander  
Asst. Sports Editor

expectations for him this season. Everyone knows he is a back-up quarterback and always will be, he wasn't supposed to lead the team to the play-offs and carry the team during a fourth quarter comeback. I don't think Thigpen deserves the starting role next year, but deserves our respect for not laying down that season.

### Derrick Johnson - F

Johnson possibly had the worst season of his career; he had only 1.5 sacks and 85 tackles. He was even moved at the end of the season just to see if he wasn't as horrible as a middle linebacker instead of an outside linebacker, and that is deserving

of a failing mark.

### Brodie Croyle - F and filing for unemployment

Croyle proved to the world this year he has no place on an NFL team. I know he was injured, but that has happened every year of his professional and collegiate careers. Even when he was "healthy," he didn't deserve the starting job, he never threw vertical and only played to 'not throw an interception.' He has played in 13 games over the last three seasons, and the Chiefs haven't won once when Croyle stepped on the field. People shouldn't feel too bad for Brodie though, he's got one of the best looking wives in the league to be consoled by.

## SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

### Woody's picks

#### Prediction record (3-5)

#### NCAA Lock

Georgetown at Marquette — MU

Georgetown has really fallen lately.

#### NCAA Upset

Notre Dame at Pitt — Irish

The Irish have lost four straight, and what better way to right the ship than to knock off the Panthers?

#### NCAA Extra

UConn at Louisville — UConn

Can you really blame me for this? I also don't have much explaining room.

#### Super Bowl

Pittsburgh vs Arizona — Steelers

The Cardinals haven't faced a defense as good as the Steelers at any point this year. Larry Fitzgerald will probably have a big game, but I doubt the Cardinal's O-line will protect Kurt Warner long enough to put the ball in the hands of his playmaker too often. The core of the Steelers team has won a Super Bowl before, and won't make the mistakes that come from nervousness. The only reason there is any doubt about this at all in my mind is that the Cardinals have proved everyone wrong this whole post-season, and Ken Whisenhunt

### Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

#### Prediction record (3-5)

#### NCAA Lock

Illinois at Minnesota — Illinois

So far this year it looks like these two teams match up pretty evenly. But the Illini have a seven foot center, so I'll go with the giant.

#### NCAA Upset

UConn at Louisville — The 'Ville Lousville is scrappy and they have been on fire. They are one of my favorite teams to watch in college basketball. I picked against them last week, not happening again.

#### NCAA Extra

G-town at Marquette — G Men

I know the Hoyas haven't looked hot lately, but after losing three in a row they are going to be out for the upset. Marquette has looked great so far, but they are small. Watch for Georgetown to take advantage of that for a much needed win.

#### Super Bowl

Pittsburgh vs. Arizona — Steel Curtain

I always find a way to talk about my favorite teams. So the way I look at it, Philly almost came away with the win in Arizona and they only played ONE good quarter. I know the Steelers can put together

### Jason's picks

#### Prediction record (4-4)

#### NCAA Lock

St. Mary's at Gonzaga — Mary's

St. Mary's is really surprising me. I didn't expect them to stay in the Top 25 this long, so they should keep up their Cinderella-esque season and take out the Zags.

#### NCAA Upset

Illinois at Minnesota — Minn

I don't have much of a reason for picking this upset. There weren't a lot of choices left and I like going against Bulldog on everything not related to Husker football.

#### NCAA Extra

Cincinnati at Villanova — Cinci

They're getting into a tough stretch of games and this is probably their only hope of pulling out an upset.

#### Super Bowl

Pittsburg vs. Arizona — Cards

I like the Steelers in this one, I really do, but I have this strange gut feeling that Arizona will somehow find a way to win in their first Super Bowl appearance. I don't know if Big Ben has enough weapons to outdo Kurt. Fitzgerald will be the key to Arizona. Hines Ward is hurt and will be limited and Willie Parker just hasn't been himself this season, not good for Pittsburgh.

### Dustin's picks

#### Prediction record (6-2)

#### NCAA Lock

Notre Dame at Pitt — Pitt

The Irish are going through a very tough part of their schedule right now and Pitt will be their fourth ranked team in a row. There is no way the Irish could pull off this upset.

#### NCAA Upset

St. Mary's at Gonzaga — Zaga

Zaga always dominates the WCC in basketball, but somehow they've lost the crown to St. Mary's this season. I'm picking Zaga to regain control of the WCC.

#### NCAA Extra

G-town at Marquette — Marq.

I saw Marquette play earlier this week for the time this season and I believe they could win the Big East. The Big East is hands down the best conference in the NCAA, so naturally Marquette wins.

#### Super Bowl

Pittsburg vs. Arizona — Cards

I didn't think Arizona had a chance to win one game in the playoffs let alone make it to the Super Bowl. Now I see they are best team in the NFC and possibly the league. I think Kurt Warner, Larry Fitzgerald and the rest of the Cards will bring

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## Top 3 picks of the week

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

**Movie to check out:** "Taken" opens Friday. Liam Neeson ("Schindler's List") stars as an ex-CIA agent whose daughter, played by Maggie Grace ("Jane Austen Book Club"), is kidnapped while she is vacationing in France. He then sets out to find her, threatening to kill the men who have taken her. "Taken" was released in the United Kingdom and France earlier this year to positive reviews and box office success. The film is sure to be an exciting thriller for American audiences and will be a great example of Neeson's impeccable acting capabilities.

**New to DVD:** "The Rocker" was released Tuesday. This story of a loser turned rock star starring Rainn Wilson ("The Office") will be sure to have the stay at home audiences rolling with laughter. Wilson has developed a huge following from his comedic exploits as Dwight from "The Office," and viewers should expect more of the same in this movie. Also, be on the look out for singer Teddy Geiger and Emma Stone ("Superbad") as they continue to make a name for themselves.

**New album in stores:** Bruce Springsteen's "Working on a Dream" was released Tuesday. The Boss is back as well as the E Street Band with the follow up to 2007's critically successful "Magic." The album has already gotten rave reviews from Rolling Stone and Entertainment Weekly as well as other publications. Critics are calling it his greatest album to be released this decade and saying it stands the test of time. Listen specifically to the title track in addition to "The Wrestler," which is the theme song to the 2008 film of the same name.

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## Your Man ponders accountability

I'm beginning to think that our wonderful country is going down the drain.

The Illinois governor is being impeached for trying to profit from his Senate appointment after Obama's election. In recorded phone calls, he said he wasn't going to "give it away for nothing."

But never mind what this guy did, what gets me is that he had the nerve to skip his hearing.

It is my understanding that if you don't show up for court, you go to jail. Instead of defending himself in court, he hits up the talk show circuit. The reason? He claims that the procedure is unfair because he can't have a bunch of character witnesses.

You have got to be kidding me.

All he is trying to do is distract from the real issue, that he committed a crime. What happened in our country that people can't just accept their guilt and be done with it? Michael Vick is doing his time with dignity, take note.

People twist the truth, public relations puts their spin and the media sensationalizes. With the right lawyer, jury, judge and publicity, OJ can get away with murder (but not kidnapping).

Yeah, I said it. And I'll go on. Clinton was a fast talker, he got off easy. Both of the Bushes and most of our presidents have been involved with shady stuff. Nixon just got caught.

It's all about technicalities and loopholes when it comes to these cases. I know there is no end in sight. Everything is opened to be challenged, and I'm all for that. But let's settle the real issues, then look at the procedure.

Shoot first, ask questions later. If a law is



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broken, punish accordingly. It shouldn't matter that afterward we may change the rule, it was still a rule when it was broken.

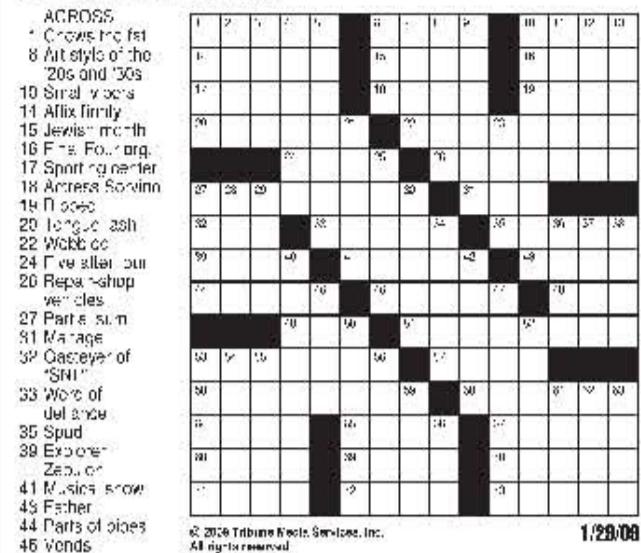
Speeding is a good example. The speed limit on interstates goes up. The people who got tickets before it went up don't get their money back and their tickets aren't wiped from their record. I guarantee their insurance wouldn't go down, no sir.

I think you all would know who I speak of when I mention those that have run their businesses and our economy into the ground. Are their bank accounts at an all-time low like mine? Doubt it.

It would definitely be in our collective best interest if some metaphorical heads started rolling around here.

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## Fleet Foxes bring breath of fresh air to music world

By Marshall Carlson  
Entertainment Reporter

Fleet Foxes is bringing back the sense of wonder that seems to have been long missing in modern mainstream music with their self-titled release.

The band describes their sound as "baroque harmonic pop jams," which is a pretty accurate explanation. In fact, the old-fashioned mystical feel of the album makes me think that Robin Hood and his men are going to jump out from a random

corner and join in.

"Fleet Foxes" acts as a huge breath of fresh air, and makes one really ponder upon what has been lost in music today. The first track, "Sun it Rises," greets the listener with the refined, complicated vocal harmonies that have been lost in time. It doesn't stop there. Oh no, the group's vocal prowess continues through every single track on the album. The most notable examples of this are "White Winter Hymnal" and "Blue Ridge Mountains."

The band has the perfect

mix of acoustic musicality and a vocal-centric aesthetic that is Fleet Foxes. "Tiger Mountain Peasant Song" is so powerful in this effect. "Quiet Houses" and "He Doesn't Know Why" are leaning a bit more toward the pop side, but every song on the album remains very connected to the strong folk feel that Fleet Foxes knows best. The powerful "Your Protector" could be listened to over and over for hours on end and still maintain its dynamic effect.

The only vocals in "Heard

Them Stirring" are just oohs, but are still completely satisfying and entertaining. Instead of using lyrics, they use voice as more of an instrument.

Aside from the obvious extreme musical talent of the band expressed on "Fleet Foxes," the album contains a phenomenal art cover. The cover is the 16th century painting "Netherland Proverbs," and took the Best Art Vinyl Award of 2008. Lead vocalist and guitarist Robin Pecknold was quoted saying how "When you first see that painting it's very

beautiful, but when you look closer there's all this really strange stuff going on... I liked that the first impression is that it's just pretty but then you realize that the scene is this weird chaos. I like that you can't really take it for what it is, that your first impression of it is wrong."

Perhaps the cover is symbolic of what their music is. Their sound is so different from the mainstream that it may take a few listens to truly realize its beauty and that it is well-worthy of respect.

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